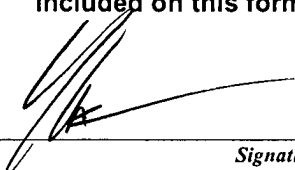
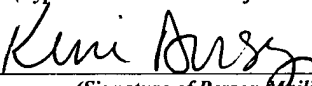




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**Amendment and Response**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 5, 2005, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks in this request for reconsideration.

**Amendments to the Claims:** start on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks:** start on page 5 of this paper.